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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT BANDA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PRESIDENT BANDA (THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL):

2. QUOTE: -----

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF  
GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200 ANNIVERSARY OF  
OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES  
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,  
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-  
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR  
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R.  
FORD. END QUOTE.

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE BUT

HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOM.

4. FYI: MALAWI EMBASSY SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO DEPT. ON JULY 2 WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT BANDA: QUOTE: AS YOU CELEBRATE THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING TO YOUR EXCELLENCE SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES. MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE JOIN ME IN WISHING YOUR EXCELLENCE HAPPY AND LONG LIFE AND ALSO CONTINUED PROSPERITY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

5. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT. KISSINGER

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